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A House Joint Resolution concerning

United States Energy Policy

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Congress of the United States enact a comprehensive energy policy that will allow us to become less dependent on foreign oil reserves by utilizing alternative domestic energy resources and that will review nuclear mishap safety procedures.

WHEREAS, The United States depends heavily on foreign oil reserves for much of its energy needs; and

WHEREAS, The political climate in many of these countries, particularly that of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), threatens any continuous supply of oil; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland, as well as other states, has an abundant supply of coal that can be used to produce energy to heat buildings and generate electricity; and

WHEREAS, The possibility of using other energy sources such as ~~nuclear power~~ and solar energy is becoming more realistic; and

WHEREAS, These alternatives to foreign oil allow the United States to avoid energy crises stemming from a sudden curtailment of energy supplies by foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has done little to produce an energy policy that would allow the nation to become less dependent on foreign energy sources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Congress of the United States is requested to enact a comprehensive energy policy for the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this energy policy provide for the development and utilization of the nation's coal reserves, nuclear energy, solar energy, and other domestic energy resources that will make the nation less dependent on foreign oil; and be it further